

IN RECOGNITION OF “ARBOR DAY”

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and that this distinguished day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees add beauty, provide cleaner air and oxygen to breath, conserve water, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, moderate the temperature, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Roger Davis, a landscape architect, has enhanced our community with his beautiful landscape designs which include The Augusta Golf and Gardens, Riverwalk Augusta, South Augusta Diamond Lakes Recreation Park, and Lake Olmstead.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 21, 2003 as “ARBOR DAY” in Augusta with the planting of a Chalkbark Maple in honor of Roger Davis, a distinguished citizen of Augusta, dedicated to beautifying our area for the enjoyment of its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 21st day of February 2003.